



## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT  
APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): KAYAHARA, NAOKI

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Examiner: FLEURANTIN, JEAN

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Filed: MARCH 29, 2001

Title: RETRIEVAL OBJECT MAP GENERATING  
METHOD, RETRIEVAL OBJECT MAP  
GENERATING SYSTEM RETRIEVING  
METHOD, RETRIEVING SYSTEM, A  
COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM  
HAVING A RETRIEVING PROGRAM,  
IMAGE MAP GENERATING METHOD,  
IMAGE MAP GENERATING SYSTEM,  
IMAGE RETRIEVING METHOD, IMAGE  
RETRIEVING SYSTEM, A COMPUTER-  
READABLE MEDIUM HAVING ENCODED  
AN IMAGE RETRIEVING PROGRAM AND  
A COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM  
HAVING ENCODED AN IMAGE  
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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Date:

February 23, 2004

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if  
filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).**

**Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new  
action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new  
evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action: 03/02/2004 AWONDAF1 00000099 09821328

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|-------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1. * Please | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> enter | <input type="checkbox"/> do not enter  | the Amendment                        | 01 FC:1801  | 770.00 OP |
| 2.          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>       | The enclosed new Preliminary Amendment   |                                      | 02 FC:1202  | 125.00 OP |
| 3.          | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed ___ and reply brief filed   |                                      | 03 FC:1203  | 290.00 OP |
| 4.          | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.   |                                      |   |           |
| 5.          | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement  |                                      |   |           |
|             |   | <input type="checkbox"/> IDS Letter  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cited Appln | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Search Report/OA |           |
|             |   | <input type="checkbox"/> PTO-1449  |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cited Documents          |           |
| 6.          | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of ___ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the<br>required \$130 fee (fee code 1808) to our Deposit Account (see below). |                                      |   |           |

7. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date of January 21, 2004 to cover the date this Request is filed. **PLEASE CHARGE** the requisite fee to our Deposit Account (see below)
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| (1 mo)  | \$110/\$55        |
| (2 mos) | \$420/\$210 + 110 |
| (3 mos) | \$950/\$475       |
8. **PLEASE CHARGE** the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☐ \$770 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$385 (sm. ent.) plus any

deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit  
Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 58205 / 250558  
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**NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!**  
**NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED** unless you are  
adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case  
cover this with PAT-120.

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